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## 2+2 PRE-NURSING PROGRAM

The 2+2 Pre-Nursing Program is an innovative partnership program with Samuel Merritt College in which students study at Saint Mary's College for two years, completing a rigorous curriculum in science and liberal arts. The successful student receives an Associate of Science (AS) degree from Saint Mary's College and then transfers to Samuel Merritt College in Oakland, California to complete two years of an excellent theory and clinical-based curriculum, resulting in a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree.

Students thus receive the best in a liberal arts and nursing education with an emphasis on critical thinking, as well as informed and ethical decision-making. The academic foundation of the 2+2 Pre-Nursing and the BSN curriculum prepare the student for the dynamic and challenging health care environment. We offer a supportive, individualized learning atmosphere with a challenging curriculum and exceptional faculty who are passionate about teaching. You are invited to meet faculty online by browsing the faculty biography section on the Saint Mary's website. For further information, contact the Director, Christa Kell RN, MS, (925) 631-4681, ckell@stmarys-ca.edu

### FACULTY

Christa Kell RN, MS., *Director*

Dr. Margaret Field, *Biology*

Dr. Wendy Lacy, *Biology*

Mr. Greg Smith, *Biology*

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Faculty members from the departments of Psychology, Statistics, and Interpersonal Communication also teach in the program

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

When students fulfill the requirements of the 2+2 Pre-Nursing curriculum they will be able to:

- **RESPECT** the inherent dignity of individuals and groups
- **DEMONSTRATE** critical thinking about course materials
- **ANALYZE**, evaluate and integrate theory, research data and practical experience
- **USE** effective communication principles in establishing professional empathic relationships with others
- **ANALYZE** the effects of ethical decisions and social change in health professions
- **DEMONSTRATE** awareness of the suffering of others and the desire to relieve it

### FRESHMEN ADMISSION AND PROGRESSION

#### ADMISSION CRITERIA

- 2.8 or higher high school GPA in college prep courses only
- Minimum 500 on both verbal and math SAT
- ACT minimum 20 composite score
- Completion of high school chemistry with a C- or better.

#### PROGRESSION

Freshmen students may declare/progress in the 2+2 major at the end of their first semester if they have passed (with a C- or above) both Introduction to Biology (Bio 1011) and Introduction to Psychology (Psych 10). A GPA of at least 2.5 by the end of the first semester is also required.

Students must obtain a C- or above in all courses required by the California Board of Registered Nursing (including all science, psychology, English and communication courses). Only one of these courses may be repeated once. Students will meet with the director of the 2+2 Nursing program each semester to review GPA/progression status. Sophomores must have a 2.9 cumulative GPA by the end of their first semester in order to remain in the major.

### TRANSFER STUDENT ADMISSION AND PROGRESSION

#### ADMISSION CRITERIA

- Minimum 3.0 cumulative college GPA and a minimum 2.5 college science GPA.
- Satisfactory (C- or above) completion of an Introduction to Biology course and an Anatomy course. Both of these courses must be UC transferable and include a lab.
- An Introduction to Psychology course is not required but is preferred.

Transfer students may only repeat one course one time. Transfer students must complete a minimum five-course residency requirement at Saint Mary's (including 2 science courses) to receive the AS degree and will be considered for transfer to Samuel Merritt on a space-available basis. There is no guarantee that space will be available immediately upon completion of the AS degree.

Transfer students are accepted to Saint Mary's on a competitive/space available basis both semesters, however more transfer spaces are available in the spring semester.

Students who have completed most of the 2+2 curriculum elsewhere will be encouraged to apply directly to Samuel Merritt.

#### TRANSFERRING TO SAMUEL MERRITT

Each semester, twenty (20) qualified students are guaranteed admission to Samuel Merritt College. To qualify students must have:

- completed the 2+2 Pre-Nursing curriculum and have maintained a 3.0 cumulative GPA
- satisfactorily passed the NET (Nurse Entrance Exam)
- are current in tuition and other financial obligations

If the number of qualified students exceeds 20, candidates for admission to Samuel Merritt College will be selected based on additional criteria such as testing, GPA and teacher recommendation. An individual student's time of transfer may occasionally be delayed due to the limited number of places at Samuel Merritt.

**Curriculum 2+2 Pre-Nursing Program**

	FIRST SEMESTER	JAN TERM	SECOND SEMESTER
FRESHMAN YEAR	Collegiate Seminar 20—Greek Thought English 4—Composition Biology 10/11—Intro. to Biology Psychology 10—Intro. to Psychology	Elective	Collegiate Seminar 21—Roman Early Christian & Medieval Thought English 5—Argument & Research Chemistry 2/3—Principles of Chemistry Biology 40/41—Intro. to Microbiology
SOPHOMORE YEAR	Biology 15/16—Human Anatomy Math 4—Intro. to Probability & Statistics Elective or Educ. 173* Psychology 139—Human Life Span Biology 12—Nutrition (.5 course credit)	Elective	Biology 25/26—Human Physiology Religious Studies Collegiate Seminar 122 Renaissance Education 173 or Elective

\*Students may take these courses in reverse order if they choose.  
Transfer students take **Collegiate Seminar 130** and **131**, but not **20** and **21**.

**Declaration of a major/Progression in the Nursing major:** In order to remain in the major freshmen students must:

- Successfully complete **Biology 10/11** and **Psych 10** (grad C- or above) and obtain a minimum 2.5 GPA during their first semester.
- Achieve a C- or above in all science courses. One course in the curriculum may be repeated only once.
- Students must have a minimum 2.9 by the end of their third semester and a minimum cumulative 3.0 by the end of the two years to be considered for transfer to Samuel Merritt.

**Transfer students** must complete a minimum of five courses in residence, which must include at least two sciences. Transfer course work will be evaluated upon admission. Transfer students should plan on studying a minimum of two semesters at Saint Mary's. Transfer students take **Seminar 130** and **131** in lieu of **Seminar 20** and **21**.